



**Office of the State Fire Marshal
and the
Illinois Fire Chiefs
Educational & Research Foundation**



**CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
CERTIFICATION**

What is the new "Chief Fire Officer Certification?"

This program replaces the Fire Officer III Program and meets the requirements for OFSM certification at the newly established Chief Fire Officer level. This program meets all the requirements at the N.F.P.A. Fire Officer III and IV level. The program is designed and intended for Command level officers and/or Administrators who have the responsibilities of supervising and administering a Fire Department or Fire District. Officers preparing for a Chief level position are encouraged to apply.

How is the course delivered?

The majority of the program is on-line with only one classroom session for each class. The program is divided into 12 modules containing one class each and three independent study projects that require a written research paper.

COURSE TOPICS

Leadership	Legal Issues
Communications	Strategic Planning
Personal and Professional Development	Emergency Management
Working in the Community	Code Enforcement and Public Education
Intergovernmental Relations	Budget and Finance Issues
Human Resources	Life Safety Initiatives

Where is the class?

The classes are taught at NIPSTA in Glenview once a month. For students outside of the 150 mile radius of NIPSTA, the course is available on-line. This allows participation in the classroom sessions from any computer with on-line access and a web cam.

If I have a college degree or EFO will it help me with credit for some of the classes?

If the applicant currently holds a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a fire service management related area, public administration, or has completed the Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy, a correlation study may eliminate the independent study port of the program.

I am already certified as a Fire Officer III but want to attain Chief Fire Officer Certification?

Fire service personnel currently certified at the Fire Officer III level wishing to attain Chief Fire Officer certification will need to meet the requirements of the new standard. For most, completion of the Life Safety Initiative's class will satisfy this requirement. Once a correlations study is completed and the objectives are fulfilled, an application for Chief Fire Officer must be submitted. Please watch the IFCA website for bridge class offerings at <http://www.illinoisfirechiefs.org> under the Foundation tab.

What is the cost?

The cost is similar to the other Fire Officer Classes. There is an individual fee for each course of \$300 and \$100 for each independent study module. For those candidates enrolled for the Full Fire Officer III program the tuition is \$3,300.00. This fee includes all educational materials and administrative expenses. Students enrolling in the entire program save \$600 over the individual course cost.